

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**FUNCTION MEDIA, L.L.C.,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**GOOGLE, INC. AND YAHOO, INC.,**

**Defendants.**

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**Civil Action No. 2007-CV-279**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**FUNCTION MEDIA’S RESPONSE TO GOOGLE’S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT  
AS A MATTER OF LAW REGARDING DAMAGES**

Function Media LLC (“FM”) hereby responds to Google, Inc.’s (“Google”) Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law Regarding Damages. In light of the jury’s January 26, 2009 verdict, this Court should deny Google’s motion as moot. The advisory notes to the 1991 amendment to Rule 50 make clear that a jury verdict for the moving party renders that party’s motion for judgment as a matter of law moot. (“Often it appears to the court or to the moving party that a motion for judgment as a matter of law made at the close of the evidence should be reserved for a post-verdict decision. This is so because a jury verdict for the moving party moots the issue . . . .”); *see also EMI Music Marketing v. Avatar Records, Inc.*, 364 F. Supp. 2d 337, 342 (S.D.N.Y. 2005) (holding that moving party’s motion for judgment as a matter of law is rendered moot by jury verdict in moving party’s favor). Accordingly, there are no issues raised in Google’s Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law Regarding Damages that require a decision.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> To be clear, FM contends that the jury reached its verdict in error. FM will move for a new trial within the time period permitted under Rule 59.

Respectfully submitted,

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